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REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 13-21 were previously pending. New claims 22-26 are submitted herewith. No new matter is added. New claim 22 consolidates limitations from claim 13 and several of those dependent therefrom to illustrate the nature in which all the elements of the inventive system fit together (*i.e.*, the flexible pouch, its hose and the separate pack carrying the pouch which all fit together to have a configuration as particularly described by the "wherein" clauses).

New claims 23-26 find particular support, for example, on page 5 and 6 of the application as filed. Their entry and examination is respectfully requested, in that the claims are believed not to offer a new burden in searching for the Examiner. Applicant is aware of the constructive election made in this application by originally pursuing apparatus claims, but nonetheless requests that the Examiner exercise the discretion she is allowed under MPEP §819.01 to grant what is asked by examining all of the claims submitted. In this regard, should the method claims be deemed allowable and the device claims remain rejected despite the Amendment filed April 3, 2003, Applicant hereby authorizes cancellation of the device claims (without prejudice to their later pursuit in a continuing application) in order to expedite issuance some patent coverage for the invention.

Conclusion

Entry, examination and allowance of the claims above is respectfully requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number SKIL-001CON.

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